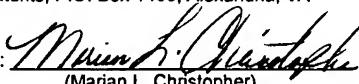




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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 16, 2005, for which a response was initially due on April 16, 2005. Included herewith is a petition for one-month extension of time with the appropriate fee, extending the time for response to May 16, 2005. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13, for continued examination.

The Office required further restriction to a single sequence of units in the compounds of the invention which, it appears, from the explanation provided that this will be treated as a species election. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species set forth in claim 9, namely: TSH β -CTP-FSH β -CTP-CG β - α .

Claims 14-21 are hereby canceled.